



Up to the Minute SPORTING NEWS From Everywhere.

BY "CLUG"

ROCHE A COMER

Rusty Headed Shortstop Looks Like Real Thing.

First Yannigan Game of Season This Afternoon.

In the early spring when the grass first peeps up out of the ground to say "howdy do" to the robins, it looks greener than at any other season of the year. A fresh cow always gives the greatest quantity of milk, and young beets always taste sweetest. And so it often is with young players. Like the proverbial broom, they sweep the diamond clean during the training season, but when the real grind begins they fade like the parched grass, dry up like a stripper-cow and become as tough and tasteless as an old sun baked beet.

However, if first impressions count for anything at all, and if it is a fact that ball players are more like good whisky than grass and fresh cows and beets in that they improve with age instead of deteriorating, then you can place a Kansas bet on Con Roche becoming a regular on the Savage-Jackson team on the W. L. loop.

Roche is barely of a voting age, but he has every action and earmark of a genuine ball player, and he will fool a lot of fan critics if he don't make good.

A Good Fielder.

Out in the shortstop territory he is as much at home as a mosquito in a Louisiana swamp, and his work is just as effective. Thursday afternoon Jimmy Jackson had about as much luck hitting grounders through Con as Wilson has had in calming turbulent Mexico. The little rusty haired lad literally ate up everything that came his way, and the eating "was did" with very little exertion. Furthermore, he is fast on his feet, has a good peg and bats like an oldtimer—only he won't stand up to the plate.

Roche's home is in St. Louis. The spring before last he signed with the St. Louis Browns, went south with them and was turned over to the Marston, Tex., club. Last spring the Browns recalled him and then turned him over to Topeka, but he refused to stick because of a salary misunderstanding.

However, unless all signs fail, he will stick this time and will prove a valuable man for Manager Jackson. In addition to being a promising baseball player, Roche is also an ex-football star and a professional soccer player. Last fall he coached football at the St. Louis university, and will probably return there this autumn after Topeka wins the W. L. pennant.

First Yannigan Game.

This afternoon Jimmy Jackson lined his men up for the first real Yannigan game, and incidentally he instituted a new feature of baseball Yanniganism in Topeka. Instead of working the pitchers as in regular game, he doped out a new system whereby one pitcher would work two full innings against both sides without coming out of the box. Then the pitcher was instructed he could go to the club house and put on his clothes and call it a day's work.

"The idea is," Jimmy explained, "to keep the pitchers working all the time, give them a good work out and not allow them to get stiff between innings."

The line-up and batting order for the Yannigan game, as given out this morning, was as follows:

Regulars: Tallion, cf; Cochran, 2b; Jackson, cf; Forsythe, rf; Rapps, 1b; Lattimore, 2b; Roche, ss, and Tonne-man, c.

Colts: King, ss; Bell, lf; Frankenhoff, 1b; Murphy, c; Grover, cf; Hart, 2b; Huggins, rf; and Cobb, 3b.

Ridgeway, Dasher, Weidman, Sanford and one of the other twirlers made up the pitching staff.

Tomorrow afternoon the first exhibition game of the season will be

GUESS WHO IT IS.



The above represents the name of a member of the Topeka baseball team. Can you guess who it is? Watch for the next one, which will appear shortly. Yesterday's rooster represented George Cochran.

played with Ira Bidwell's Emporia champions of the Kansas State league. The game will be called at 3 o'clock, and Manager Jackson says he expects his men to put up a fair exhibition of ball.

The probable line-up and batting order of the local team is as follows: Cochran, 3b; Roche, ss; Tallion or LaPlumb, rf; Forsythe, lf; Jackson, cf; Frankenhoff or Rapps, 1b; Lattimore or King, 2b; Tonne-man or Murphy, c. The pitchers will be chosen according to the condition they are in.

Sunday afternoon a second exhibition game will be played with the Emporians and Monday and Tuesday the Kansas City Blues will be here. During all of the exhibition games the umpires will announce the line-up and batting order each afternoon so that the fans may become familiar with the players.

DON'T BET ON FIGHT.

Johnson's Old Manager Says He Wouldn't Wager Penny on It.

Chicago, Ill., April 2.—George Little, who managed Jack Johnson until a few days before the present champion met Jim Jeffries in their memorable Reno conflict admits that he can't figure out the colored man and allows he would not risk a penny in the way of a wager on Jack's coming combat with Jess Willard at Havana.

"Nobody can figure Johnson," said Little today. "He was a puzzle to me when I had him and still is. Jack is a very deceiving person and keeps such things as his physical condition and plans as secret as possible. Jack might even be wearing extra layers of clothes in his Havana workouts to make folks think he is too heavy and too fat to fight well."

Of his faking it, Little said, "I don't know. It is one thing to take a fight and another to take a fight and win. Johnson wants to come back to Chicago the worst way. He might reason it out that if he lost the title people would forget about him and not object to his return to the states. That is the only thing I know of that would entice him to box."

On the other hand, Johnson knows full well that the minute he loses the title he never will get another chance and that he will be a dead one as any sort of an attraction. He would like to see Willard, but I am inclined to think that he will box an honest fight. If he does, he will win. I would like to see Willard the victor, of course, but I have not much admiration for his fistie abilities."

LADIES WANT TO RACE.

Fair Maidens Would Enter 25-Mile Marathon of Boston A. A.

Cambridge, Mass., April 2.—Ladies fair are seeking mercurial honors in the annual Boston A. A. marathon race which is to be held on April 12. George V. Brown, who will manage the 25-mile run has received an anonymous postcard signed by "L. H. K." and "M. T. Y." with a postoffice box number in Hyde Park, on which was written the following:

"We want to know if young ladies will be allowed to run in the marathon race. If not, why not? For women now have the same rights as men. If ladies are permitted to run, please set aside a dressing room for them. We are going to run anyway."

The A. A. U. rules do not allow women to compete in these athletic events, so that the letter will probably not be given consideration.

BIDDLIES DEFEAT NORMALS.

Emporia State League Team Is Getting Into Shape Fast.

Emporia, Kan., April 2.—The Emporia State league team defeated the Kansas Normal in the second game of the practice series here Thursday afternoon, 4 to 2. Watch the fielding featured for the Normals. The Emporia team will play the College of Emporia today. Score: R.H.E. Emporia 4 0 0 101 010—4 9 1 Normal 2 0 0 001 010—2 7 2

Batteries: Bonderant, Voorlies and Smith, Shupe, Barrett and Pearson, Laid and Marlowe; umpire, Pierson.

Baseball Results.

At Macon, Ga.—Boston Braves 6; Cleveland Americans 0.

At Atlanta, Ga.—Atlanta 4; Louisville Association club 2.

At Columbia, S. C.—Columbia 7; Philadelphia Athletics 5.

At Chattanooga, Tenn.—Cincinnati Reds 7; Chattanooga 2.

At Savannah, Ga.—Chicago Cubs 7; New York Americans 0.

At Norfolk, Va.—Philadelphia Nationals 15; Norfolk 2.

At Memphis, Tenn.—Detroit Americans 7; Memphis 0.

CRITICS ON JESS

Bat Nelson Says Johnson Will Collapse Like Jeffries.

Willard Gets First Stage Offer From New York.

(By Ed. W. Smith.)

Havana, April 2.—In the most disappointing workout shown so far Jack Johnson proved that he must get better between now and Monday or he is in for the beating of his life. Jack slouched through a few miserably bad rounds with his sparring partners Wednesday. Several times he was plainly distressed so that the spectators in the back rows remarked it. He continues to carry some of the weight that will be in the way when the pinch of long hot fighting under a broiling sun comes.

The big black isn't nearly as good as he showed early in the week. He seems to be sagging off and appears to be worrying over the cock and bull stories of Willard's prowess. Johnson says he isn't worrying in the least and laughs at the stories but close friends declare that he is more anxious than he shows and asks endless questions about Willard and what he is showing. Jack doubtless is in as good condition as he can possibly get but it is now generally admitted that he is not good enough for a man of Willard's size, strength and hitting power.

Many Pick Willard.

But Masterson says Willard is a cinch now. Bat Nelson insists that Johnson will collapse like Jeffries did at Reno when the big test comes and Recap says Willard is no worse than an even money shot. I think Recap does, that Willard has a corking chance.

Jack Curley refused to allow Johnson and Sam McVey to put on a boxing exhibition match Saturday, as advertised. They haven't boxed here. Curley fears that an injury to Johnson might stop the battle. Johnson is sulky over this.

Otto Floto, of Kansas City, was the most prominent of a dozen or more critics who arrived this week. Stakeholder Vernon and three friends also dropped in.

Havana has taken on the appearance of the biggest metropolis on the eve of a great sporting event. The hotels are now crowded with strangers and the sale continues so heavy it looks certain that the fight will be a success from a financial point.

First Stage Offer.

Willard got his first stage offer today, win or lose, from a New Yorker who wants him for a week at \$1,000. Jess laughed at the wind of it. He thinks he will be worth five times that amount if he wins. Willard will be a wonderful card if he is returned winner.

President Menocal has ordered seven hundred and six men to guard the race track Monday. This is three squads of infantry, two hundred and fifty rural guards and one hundred and twenty infantry. Every part of the track will be heavily policed.

It is often the trick of the ordinary doctor to keep you guessing even if he knows, just to keep you on his payroll. We will tell you right at the start if we can cure you and just what the cost will be. That's worth considering, is it not?

The pain in the back, the complaint of the kidneys are signals of distress which you will do well to heed.

Rheumatism, prevalent at this season of the year, could often be avoided if the kidneys were given attention at the right time.

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